



MEMA REPORTS

MEMA REPORTS is a monthly newsletter produced by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to help keep the Public Safety Community of Massachusetts better informed about the day's Emergency Management issues. MEMA REPORTS also appears on the MEMA website: www.mass.gov/mema.

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Team Rubicon Assists in Conway Tornado Recovery



Team Rubicon, a national non-profit volunteer-based organization that deploys military veterans to support disaster recovery operations, assisted the Town of Conway with debris cleanup on May 12-14. The EF-1 tornado that touched down in Conway on February 25th, caused significant damage to a number of homes and caused widespread and extensive damage to trees. In recent weeks, MEMA and the Town of Conway worked with the Massachusetts VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters) to find a private non-profit to deploy volunteers to Conway to help residents clear downed trees from their properties.

Team Rubicon has a Massachusetts chapter that is active in the Massachusetts VOAD and accepted the mission to assist Conway. For three days, Team Rubicon volunteers cleared debris and furthered the recovery process. Their work is much appreciated by MEMA and the Town of Conway and its residents.

MEMA Supports Local Citizen Corps Programs

Through a recent competitive grant program for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) groups, MEMA has provided over \$154,000 to 51 local organizations. These volunteer groups are a critical component of local preparedness and response capabilities, and these funds will be used to build and sustain local CERT and VIPS capabilities.

Through their work, these groups help to make communities safer, more resilient, and better prepared to respond to and recover from a wide array of threats and hazards.

NOAA's 2017 Hurricane Forecast

For the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June 1 through November 30, forecasters at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center say the Atlantic could see another above-normal hurricane season this year.

Forecasters predict a 70 percent likelihood of 11 to 17 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 5 to 9 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 2 to 4 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher). An average season produces 12 named storms of which six become hurricanes, including three major hurricanes.

Full NOAA forecast: <http://www.noaa.gov/media-release/above-normal-atlantic-hurricane-season-is-most-likely-year>



Regardless of how many storms develop this year, it only takes one storm to severely impact an area. "MEMA urges all residents of the Commonwealth to prepare for the impacts of a tropical storm or hurricane," **said MEMA Director Kurt Schwartz**. "As hurricane season begins, residents should learn if they live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone, make an emergency plan, assemble and emergency kit, and stay informed." To learn more about the hazards associated with hurricanes and tropical storms and to learn how to prepare, visit the MEMA hurricane webpage: www.mass.gov/mema/hurricanes.

Barnstable County Sheriff's Office CERT Trains 32 New Members

A goal of the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office Community Emergency Response Team (BCSO CERT) is to provide annual CERT training to residents of Barnstable County so they may take care of themselves, their families, their communities and to respond when mobilized during disasters and pre-planned events. In May, the BCSO CERT trained 32 new members in support of this goal. The BCSO CERT is active throughout the year in support of winter storm response; community events; and staffing of the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee's regional shelters. To learn more about the CERT program and other volunteer opportunities, visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/be-prepared/get-involved/>.



BCSO CERT Training

MEMA Training Update

Upcoming trainings with open seats:

Date	Class	Location
6/14-6/15	ICS-400: Advanced ICS	Middleborough

To view a full calendar and register for classes, see MEMA's [Training Registration System calendar](#).

During the months of March and April, MEMA's Training and Exercise Unit hosted 259 students in 10 course offerings:

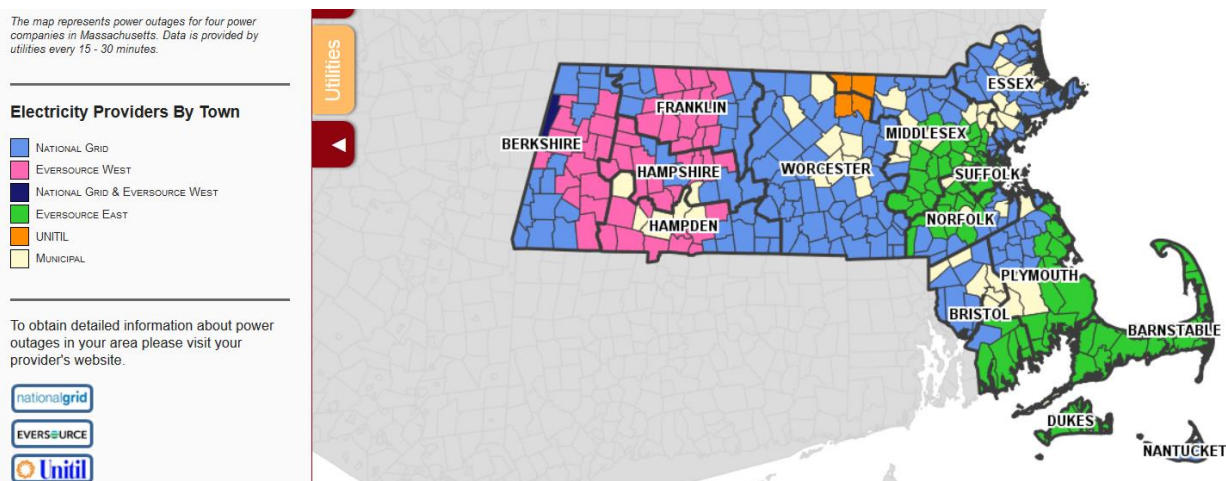
Class	Location
ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Lowell
Emergency Operations Center Management and Operations (G775)	Natick
Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents (MGT-348)	Barnstable
Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents (MGT-348)	Wrentham
Basic Sheltering Concepts (Shelter-100)	Dartmouth
NIMS-700 / ICS-100 (NIMS-700/ICS-100)	Middleborough
Emergency Operations Center Management and Operations (G775)	Stockbridge
ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	New Braintree
Emergency Operations Center Management and Operations (G775)	Worcester
ICS 400: Advanced ICS	Fitchburg

To date in 2017, 1,142 students have taken MEMA supported classes. For additional MEMA Training opportunities go to: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/resources/training/>.

Featured MEMA Webpage: Power Outage Viewer

In an effort to highlight MEMA's resources that are available to the public safety community, we feature a MEMA webpage each month. This month we are highlighting MEMA's online [power outage viewer](#).

MEMA's power outage viewer displays real-time power outage information from the major utility companies serving the Commonwealth (National Grid, Eversource, and Unitil) in a map format. The MEMA power outage application provides a one-stop location for viewing power outages across the Commonwealth, and specific information by community including total number of customers and percent of customers without power, time the data was last updated, the utility company, and the MEMA region in which the community is located. Each of the major electrical utility companies in the state updates the power outage data every fifteen (15) minutes on an on-going 24-hour basis. Municipal utilities are not included in the viewer. The website can be found at <http://mema.mapsonline.net/public.html>.



Screenshot of MEMA's Power Outage Viewer Application

MEMA Field Deployment Highlights

During the months of March and April, MEMA deployed field assets and personnel to support the following events across the Commonwealth:

- May 1: MEMA supported the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) by providing one of MEMA's Mobile Emergency Operations Centers (MEOC) to serve as a command post at a staging area in western Massachusetts. The MEOC supported a multi-day State Police operation. Over nine days, the MEOC and MEMA field staff assisted with staging area operations, resource mapping and tracking, and communications.
- May 5: MEMA supported the Northeastern University Police Department and Emergency Management Department, and EMS services with a MEOC at the University's commencement at TD Garden in Boston. The MEOC served as a unified command post and communications platform for Northeastern and other agency public safety officials.
- May 19: MEMA supported Foxborough Police and Fire with the use of an MEOC to serve as a Unified Command Platform at the Metallica Concert at Gillette Stadium. The MEOC served as a unified command post, following the model established last year for New England Patriots games. Additional agencies utilized the MEOC during the event, including the Massachusetts State Police. The MEOC also served as a communications link to various communications systems and platforms and provided total situational awareness to the event of well over 10,000 people.

Latest Federal Disaster Assistance Totals for the 2015 Blizzard

The Disaster and Snow Assistance process for local communities, state agencies, and eligible private non-profits for the January 26-28, 2015 Blizzard continues to advance. As of May 31st, 2017, 1,140 Project Worksheets (PWs) have been obligated by FEMA, totaling more than \$80.1M in federal aid reimbursements to local communities, state agencies, and eligible private non-profits (75% of the \$105.8M eligible project costs).

MEMA'S Mission Statement

MEMA is the state agency charged with ensuring the state is prepared to withstand, respond to, and recover from all types of emergencies and disasters, including natural hazards, accidents, deliberate attacks, and technological and infrastructure failures. MEMA is committed to an all hazards approach to emergency management. By building and sustaining effective partnerships with federal, state and local government agencies, and with the private sector - - individuals, families, non-profits, and businesses - - MEMA ensures the Commonwealth's ability to rapidly recover from large and small disasters by assessing and mitigating threats and hazards, enhancing preparedness, coordinating response operations, and strengthening our capacity to rebuild and recover.

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